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FOIPA Request No.: 1369098-000
Subject: Lulzsec

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your request for a public interest fee waiver for the above referenced Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request. Public interest fee waivers are determined on a case by case basis. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(iii) and 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(i)-(ii). Your request for a public interest fee waiver was reviewed, and it was not granted. Below you will find check boxes and informational paragraphs about your request, as well as specific determinations required by these statutes. Please read each one carefully.

- ☐ You failed to articulate any of the statutory requirements.
- ☐ Quoting or paraphrasing the statute, without providing factual detail or support specific to your request, does not provide sufficient basis to render an informed decision.
- ☒ You failed to demonstrate the requirement that the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of the government. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(i).
 - ☐ Factor 1: The records do not concern the operations or activities of the Federal Government. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(2)(i).
 - ☒ Factor 2: Disclosure of the requested records would not be meaningfully informative about government operations or activities in order to be likely to contribute to an increased public understanding of those operations or activities. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(2)(ii).
 - ☐ Factor 3: The disclosure of information would not contribute to the understanding of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requester. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(2)(iii).
 - ☐ Factor 4: The public's understanding of the subject in question would not be enhanced by the disclosure to a significant extent. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(2)(iv).
- ☐ Disclosure of the information is primarily in the commercial interest of the requester. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.10(k)(ii).

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

David M. Hardy
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